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1. VIENTIANE RADIO SEPTEMBER 25 BROADCAST A BROAD RANGING ATTACK, CARRIED REFTEL, AGAINST THE U.S. AND "THAI ULTRA-RIGHTIST REACTIONARIES". THE MAJOR POINTS OF THE COMMENTARY AREAS FOLLOWS:

2. THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS CONTINUE TO DRAW UP DESIGNS TO CREATE TURMOIL IN THE VARIOUS INDOCHINESE COUNTRIES...THE LPDR IN PARTICULAR...THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS HAVE ENERGETICALLY ENCOURAGED THE THAI ULTRA-RIGHTIST REACTIONARIES TO CARRY OUT THEIR SCHEMES...BLOCKED THE EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF OUR TWO FRATERNAL COUNTRIES; RESTRICTED TRADE RELATIONS; SENT PATROL BOATS REPEATLY TO VIOLATE THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF LAOS; SENT AIRCRAFT SHAMEFULLY TO INTIMIDATE THE PEOPLE; SENT AGENTS AND SPIES TO SNEAK

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INTO THE VARIOUS TOWNS ALONG THE MEKONG...SLANDERED OUR NEW

REGIME...AT THE SAME TIME, THE THAI ULTRARIGHTIST REACTIONARIES HAVE PROVIDED EVERY FORM OF SUPPORT FOR THE EXILED LAO REACTIONARIES IN THEIR FRANTIC EFFORTS TO SABOTAGE THE RECENT ESTABLISHED NEW SYSTEM IN LAOS."

3. THE U.S. ALSO SUPPORTS "CERTAIN INFLUENTIAL LACKEYS (IN THAILAND) WHO HAVE LONG BEEN BACKED BY THE UNITED STATES, TO PLAY MORE SIGNIFICANT ROLES AMONG THE REACTIONARIES. THE "U.S. IMPERIALISTS" SCHEMED TO BRING BACK TO THAILAND "THEIR TWO FAITHFUL LACKIES (THANOM AND PRAPHAT) TO CREATE CHAOS AND TENSION IN THE COUNTRY."

4. AT THE BEHEST OF THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS...THE THAI MILITARY POWERHOLDERS SENT TWO L-19'S INTO LAO AIRSPACE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 17 AND 18; STATIONED TROOPS, ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS, AND TANKS ALONG THE MEKONG; MOVED SEVEN THAI ARMY COMPANIES TO THE BORDER WITH SAYABOURY PROVINCE ON SEPTEMBER 7. THESE ACTS CONSTITUTE "ABSOLUTE DEFIANCE" OF THE RTG DECISION TO OPEN THE BORDER AND "A BLATANT PROVOCATION BY THE THAI ULTRA-RIGHTIST REACTIONARIES AGAINST THE NEW (LAO) SYSTEM."

5. THE COMMENTARY CONCLUDED WITH A REAFFIRMATION OF THE READINESS OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY TO DEFEND THE COUNTRY. ON THE WHOLE IT IS THE SHARPEST ATTACK AGAINST THE THAI AND THEIR LINK WITH THE U.S. WHICH WE HAVE NOTED SINCE THE REOPENING OF THE LAO-THAI BORDER AT NONG KAH ON JANUARY 1.
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